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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for morbid obesity.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 376.1475, to read as follows:

**376.1475. 1. All health benefit plans, as defined in section
2 376.1350, that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed
3 on or after August 28, 2007, and providing coverage to any resident of
4 this state shall provide coverage for the treatment of morbid obesity.**

5 **2. As used in this section, the term "morbid obesity" means a
6 weight which is at least one hundred pounds over or twice the ideal
7 weight for frame, age, height, and gender as specified in the 1983
8 Metropolitan Life Insurance tables. Morbid obesity also means a body
9 mass index (BMI) equal to or greater than thirty-five kilograms per
10 meter squared with comorbidity or coexisting medical conditions such
11 as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep apnea, or diabetes
12 or a BMI of forty kilograms per meter squared without such
13 comorbidity. BMI equals weight in kilograms divided by height in
14 meters squared.**

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